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SUBJ: PASSPORT SERVICES FOR PROSPECTIVE USG EMPLOYEES

REF: LOU STATE 126284 DATED MAY 31.

FOLLOWING SUBMITTED IN ANSWER TO PARAGRAPHS A THROUGH D OF
REFTEL.

A) THERE IS A STRONG PROBABILITY THAT WITHOUT OFFICIAL PASS-
PORTS THESE FORMER CONTRACTORS EMPLOYEES WILL BE SUBJECT TO
THAI INCOME TAX FOR WAGES EARNED. THEIR CURRENT PASSPORTS
DO NOT CONTAIN INDICATION OF CLAIMED TAX EXEMPT STATUS,
UNLIKE PREVIOUS PERMIT GRANTED BY RTG. ULTIMATE BURDEN ANY TAX
LIABILITY WILL FALL ON USG. THESE UNIQUE FACTORS HAVE NO IMPACT
ON OTHER LOCAL HIRES.

B) THESE EMPLOYEES WILL BE SUBJECT TO EXPULSION AT EXPIRATION
CURRENT PERMITS, WHICH FOR THE MOST PART COINCIDE WITH EXPIRATION
DATE CURRENT CONTRACT. THERE CAN BE NO INTERRUPTION IN WORK
PERFORMED AT DOD INSTALLATIONS IN COUNTRY. CONSEQUENTLY BOTH
OLD PERMIT AND PASSPORTS WILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED FOR CAN-
CELLATION OLD PERMIT AND INSERTION NEW ONE BEFORE EXPIRATION
OF FORMER. WHILE PRESENT REQUEST FOR THE OFFICIAL PASSPORT IS
IRREGULAR, RIGIDITY LOCAL IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS OFFERS NO
OTHER OPTION.

C) EMBASSY HOLDS COPIES OF APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.
UNABLE OBTAIN ANY CLEAR EVIDENCE FROM RTG AUTHORITIES THAT NO-
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FEE REGULAR PASSPORTS, OFFICIALLY ENDORSED, WILL MEET REQUIRE-

MENTS FOR TAX EXEMPTION. REITERATE BELIEF ONLY OFFICIAL PASS-
PORTS WILL SERVE PURPOSE THESE ASSIGNMENTS.

D) EVEN THOUGH NO ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE AT THIS TIME,
EMBASSY AWARE THAT 99 FORMER FEDERAL ELECTRICT CORPORATION AND
20 TRANS-ASIA EMPLOYEES WILL BE HIRED AS DOD CIVILIANS FACING
SIMILAR PROBLEM. CONSULAR SECTION PRELIMINARILY CONTACTED BY
PROSPECTIVE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS HIRING ABOVE PERSONNEL.
NO DECISION WILL BE MADE ON THESE TWO GROUPS BEFORE DEPARTMENT
DECISION ON GROUP PRESENTED TO PASSPORT OFFICE BY MAJOR
WILKERSON.

EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY INFORMATION ON DEPARTMENT
DECISION SO THAT PROPER ADVICE MAY BE GIVEN TO OTHER GROUPS
WITH SIMILAR PROBLEM.
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